

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1 (currently amended): A method of conducting, in relation to a secure print job, a printing process between an originating device and a target device printer, said method comprising steps of:

~~inputting security key information into said originating device;~~  
~~establishing said process between said originating device and said target device;~~  
selecting, at a computer communicating with the originating device over a network, image data to be printed, wherein the image data is stored at the originating device;  
initiating, in association with print job specific key information, the printing process at the originating device for printing the selected image data;  
suspending said the printing process at a stage prior to completion thereof, and outputting the print job from the printer;  
~~enabling the suspended process to proceed to completion dependent upon inputting corresponding key information into said target device inputting at a local user interface at the printer, corresponding print job specific key information; and~~  
enabling, depending upon the corresponding print job specific key information, the suspended printing process to output the print job from the printer.

2 (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, ~~whereby said security key information is one of a physical key and an electronic key~~ wherein both (a) the print job specific key information and (b) the corresponding print job specific information comprise a physical key and control information.

3 (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, ~~whereby said security key is an electronic public key, and said~~ wherein the corresponding [[key]] print job specific information is a software key on a physical carrier that can be coupled to a local user interface, said software key being a private one of complementary to the print job specific key information and (b) identical to the print job specific key information.

4 (currently amended): System A system for conducting a secure printing process, in relation to a print job, between an originating device and a target device, ~~said originating device and said target device being interconnected by a network, said method printer, said system comprising steps of:~~

~~means for receiving security key information at said originating device;~~  
~~means for establishing said process between said originating device and said target device; a computer;~~

the printer, wherein the originating device, the computer and the printer communicate over a network;

means for selecting, at the computer, image data to be printed, wherein the image data is stored at the originating device;

means for initiating, in association with print job specific key information, the printing process at the originating device for printing the selected image data;

means for suspending said the printing process at a stage prior to completion thereof outputting the print job from the printer;

a local user interface at the printer for enabling input of corresponding print job-specific key information; and

means for receiving enabling, depending upon the corresponding print job specific key information, at said target device; and means for enabling the suspended printing process to proceed to completion dependent upon receipt of said corresponding key information output the print job from the printer.

5 (currently amended): A system according to claim 4, whereby said security key information is one of wherein both (a) the print job specific key information and (b) the corresponding print job specific information comprise a physical key and an electronic key control information.

6 (currently amended): A method system according to claim 4, whereby said security key is an electronic public key, and said wherein the corresponding key print job specific information is a software key on a physical carrier that can be coupled to the local user interface, said software key being a private one of complementary to the print job specific key information and (b) identical to the print job specific key information.

7 (currently amended): A computer program recorded on a computer-readable medium, the program comprising software code portions for performing the steps of any one of claims 1 to 3.

8. (original): A computer readable medium storing a computer program, wherein said computer program comprises software code portions for performing the steps of any one of claims 1 to 3.